APR 0 7 2006

PTO/SB/30 (09-04) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMENROE

Under the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

| d to respond to a collection of information un | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Application Number | 10/813,589 | | | | |
| Filing Date | March 30, 2004 | | | | |
| First Named Inventor | Paul, Susanne A. | | | | |
| Art Unit | 2817 | | | | |
| Examiner Name | SHINGLETON, MICHAEL B | | | | |
| Attorney Docket Number | SIL.P0078 | | | | |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

| 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|--|
| | a. | i. ii. | considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | | | | | | | |
| | b. | ☑ i. ii. | Enclosed ☑ Amendment/Reply ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iii. ☑ iv. □ | | nation Disc | losure S | tatement (| (IDS) | |
| 2. | M | isce | laneous | | | | | | | |
| | a. | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) | | | | | | | | |
| | b. | Ш | Other | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. | | | | | | | | | |
| | a. | Deposit Account No I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. | | | | | | | | |
| | | i. ii. | RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17 | · | | | | | | |
| | | iii. | Other | , | 1 | 04/10/20 | 06 CCHA | U1 000 | 00110 10813589 | |
| | b. | | Check in the amount of \$e | nclosed | • | 01 FC:18 | 01 | | 790.00 OP | |
| | - | | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed | • | | | | | | |
| WAI card | RNIN I info | IG: Ir | formation on this form may become public. Credit ion and authorization on PTO-2038. | card info | matio | should no | ot be inc | luded on t | this form. Provide credit | |
| | | | OF APPLICAL | VT, ATTC | RNEY | OR AGE | VT REQ | UIRED | | |
| Sign | atur | € | Rock | | | | Date | | April 3, 2006 | |
| Name (Print πype) Bruce A. John | | ohnson | | Registration No. | | ation No. | 37361 | | | |
| | | | CERTIFICATE OF | MAILING | OR T | RANSMIS | SION | | | |
| addre | essed | to: M | hat this correspondence is being deposited with the United all Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexa e shown below. | | | | | | | |
| Sign | ature | • | Port | | | | | | | |
| (and) population () | | | | Date | April 3 | , 2006 | | | | |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.